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(front)
circumferentially of said respective openings and bonded thereto in
[longitudinally] a stretched [extended] [conditions] condition
thereof[,]; wherein [said disposable diaper being characterized in
that:]

said elastic members associated with said waist-opening extend
across said front and rear waist regions [and said crotch regions]
substantially at the same level vertically of said diaper; and

said absorbent core has a front end in said front waist region
and a rear end in said rear waist region, wherein said front end
[lies] terminates below said elastic members associated with the
waist-opening in the front waist regions and said absorbent core
includes said rear end that [extending] extends, in said rear waist
region, upward [beyond] above said elastic members associated with
the waist-opening in the rear waist region [so that said absorbent
core has a rear end lying above said elastic members associated
with the waist-opening].

2. (Amended) The diaper--according to Claim 1, further
comprising a liquid-impermeable sheet, [wherein, in said rear]
extending in the rear waist region[,]
to cover [said rear end of
said absorbent core lies above said elastic members associated with
the waist-opening and a region extending in the proximity of] said
rear end [are covered with a liquid-impermeable sheet].

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(cont)
3. (Amended) The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said absorbent core rear end has a plurality of notches extending downward in parallel one to another [with said rear end].

4. (Amended) The diaper according to Claim[s] 1, further comprising [wherein said absorbent is bonded to an inner surface of] a shorts-shaped member also having [said] front and rear waist regions and [said] a crotch region therebetween, and wherein said absorbent is bonded to an inner surface of the shorts-shaped member.
